

20 September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Over the last week we have been made aware of people in our Bradon Forest School community who have tested positive for COVID-19.

We are continuing to monitor the situation and are working closely with Public Health Wiltshire. This letter is to inform you of the current situation and provide advice on how to support your child. Please be reassured that for most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

Students and staff who have tested positive are isolating. The small number of children who have been identified as contacts of the confirmed case will have guidance from NHS test and trace and will be advised to take a PCR test. Outbreak control measures are also in place and being kept under review.

Bradon Forest School remains open and, providing your child remains well, they can continue to attend school as normal. We will keep this under review.

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, you should organise for your child to be tested via the [NHS online portal](#) or by calling 119. They should isolate until you receive the test results giving the all clear.

Symptoms of COVID 19

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

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How to stop coronavirus (COVID-19) spreading

We are keen to ensure education can continue; and we wish to advocate the following things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with coronavirus (COVID-19):

- **get vaccinated** – everyone aged 18 and over can [book COVID-19 vaccination appointments](#) now and 16-17 year olds are being offered 1 dose of the vaccination by 23 August
- **if you are symptomatic** – isolate and get a PCR test
- **if you think you are a close contact** – get a PCR test



- wash your hands with soap and water or use hand sanitiser regularly throughout the day
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards
- **consider your social contacts** – every contact carries a COVID risk, even with vaccinated people so:
 - consider whether to meet up at all
 - meet people outside and avoid crowded areas
 - open doors and windows to let in fresh air if meeting people inside
 - wear a face covering if aged 11 and over when it's hard to stay away from other people – particularly indoors or in crowded places
 - participate in twice weekly LFD testing following national guidelines (recommended for 11 years and over). We encourage you to log your results here: <https://www.gov.uk/log-test-site-covid19-results>

Further Information is available at

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

and

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/>

As I mentioned in my letter of 10 September 2021, for those students who are isolating at home and well enough to do school work, we are offering them the opportunity to join their class teacher and class via Teams. We hope this will give them the opportunity to see their teacher, hear the delivery of the lesson and join in via the chat function. Guidance as to how they do this is below. If help with Teams is required, please contact Fred Dundas our Network Manager at school.

When a student clicks in the Team for their class at the correct time of day, they will see the meeting in progress and can click to join. They will then be admitted by their teacher and can join in the lesson through the chat function.

Yours sincerely



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